the numpy library

- -> the package for all scientific computing in Python
- -> this is an array library
- -> it can be used to store data in n dimensional arrays

this is used over lists

- -> lists are slower
- -> numpy uses fixed types
- -> the difference between numpy and lists
- -> 5 is read as 00000101
 - -> this is cast into an int 32 type <- 4 bytes
 - -> numpy reads it as 32 different values, or int16 <- †two bytes
 - -> or into int 8 <- a single byte

-> sizes, reference count, object type and object value

- -> the reference count is the amount of times that integer has been pointed at
- -> you can take the object value -> this is represented as a log
- -> single integers within lists
- -> numpy uses less bytes of memory

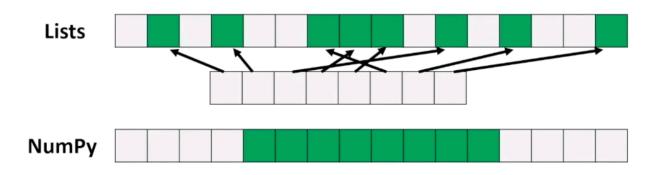
-> iterating through each item in a numpy array <- we don't have to do type checking each time

- -> there is no type checking when iterating through objects
- -> numpy uses continuous memory
- -> lists would be scattered around
- -> memory blocks -> in lists, these aren't necessarily next to each other
- -> the list contains pointers to the actual information which is scattered around
- -> this is slower than NumPy

○ -> numpy uses a contiguous array

- -> to store where the total memory is
- -> in the memory block -> all of the information is in the same place
- -> this allows for SIMD vector processing
- -> single instruction multiple data
- -> to do an addition of multiple values
- -> performing computations on all the values at the same time
- -> the cache is also more effectively used
- -> we can keep the points closer near where we need to access them

Why is NumPy Faster? - Contiguous Memory



Benefits:

- SIMD Vector Processing
- Effective Cache Utilization

-> longer memories

-> lists compared to numpy

- -> lists <- insertion, deletion, appending, concatenation
- -> numpy can do the same thing, but more efficiently
- -> is we have two different arrays, multiplying them with lists will return an error
- o -> doing this with numpy arrays will times each of the two elements in the lists together

-> applications of numpy

- -> MATLAB replacement
- -> it can be used to do maths
- -> scipy
- -> functions
- -> working through the scipy documentation if numpy isn't enough
- -> for plotting
- -> backend applications
 - -> pandas, connect 4, digital photography
- -> you can store images through numpy
- -> machine learning
 - -> directly and indirectly
 - -> tensors
 - -> these are connected to the tensor library
 - -> the NumPy library

· -> question

Why are Numpy arrays faster than regular Python lists?

- options
 - Numpy does not perform type checking while iterating through objects.
 - Numpy uses fixed types.
 - Numpy uses contiguous memory.
 - All of the above. <- This one